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Yuan Qing tries to find the identity of the mysterious assassin, never suspecting that the assassin will attack Mimi and Yuan Bao while he's away!

In spite of Mimi's smarts and combat ability, she is unable to protect Yuan Bao from so many intruders, and her life hangs in the balance!

Will Yuan Qing make it back in time to save her? Will Yuan Bao be able to return to his mother's side again?

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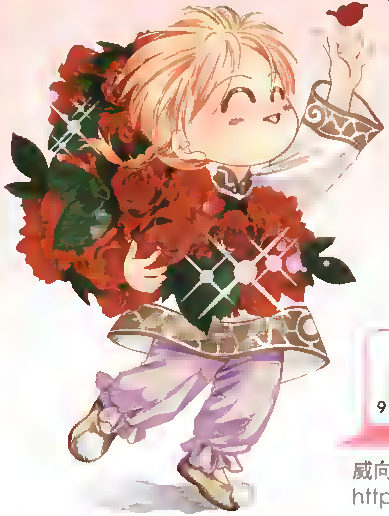

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Chapter 5 The Underestimated Enemy

WHO ARE YOU GUYS WORKING FOR?
YOU CAN ASK SATAN AFTER WE SEND YOU TO HELL.
KICK!

I'M AFRAID SATAN DOESN'T LIKE ME VERY MUCH.
SINCE YOU GUYS WON'T SAY,
I'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND THE ANSWER FROM YOUR CORPSES!!

MO-
THER
Woof! Woof!
Move some straw over here!
Coming! Coming!
We need to light the fire tonight
THE SETTING SUN IS SO PRETTY AND SO WARM...
WHERE HAS FATHER GONE?
I DON'T KNOW EITHER LET'S JUST WAIT FOR HIM TO COME BACK
OKAY!

Mother is about to fall asleep too like Yuan Bao
Hehe. Mother's kind of ticklish
SIRS SIRS
OUT OF OUR WAY!

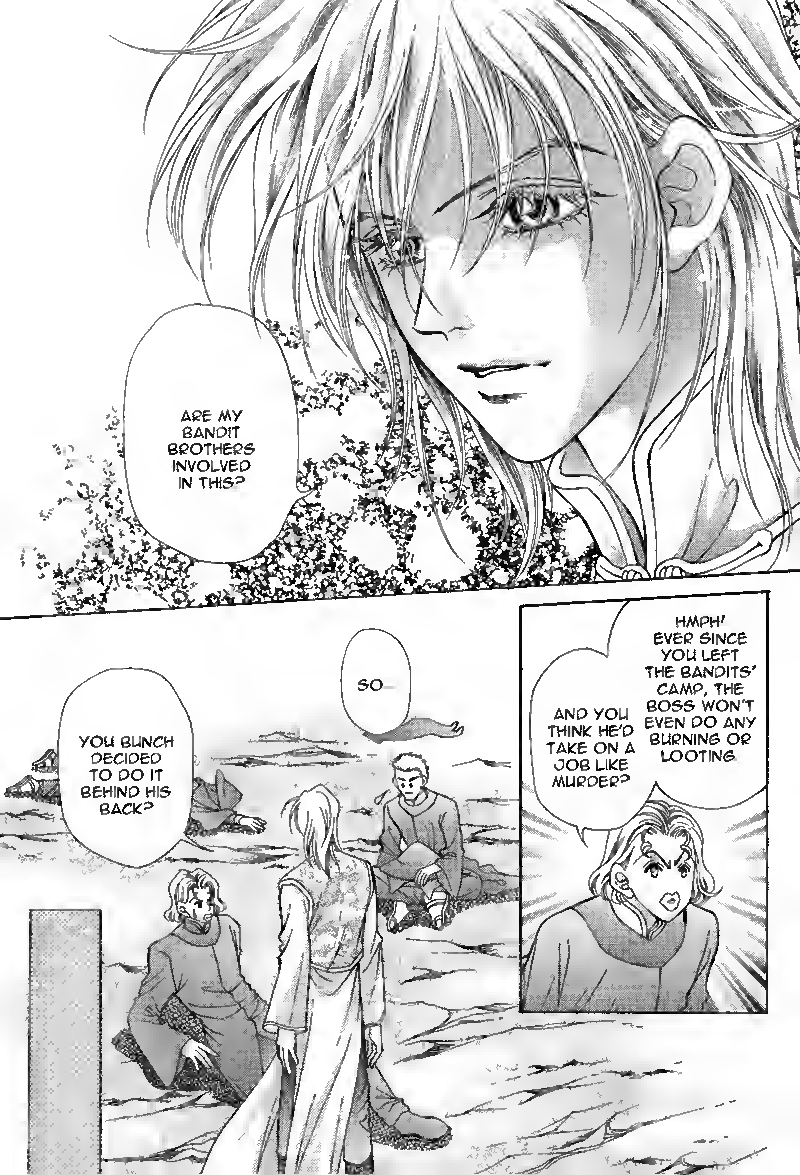
CREAK
FWIP
SWISH

YUAN BAO, BEHIND MY BACK
PULL
GOT IT!
STUPID KID! I MEANT FOR YOU TO HIDE BEHIND ME, NOT CLING TO MY BACK...
I CAN'T FIGHT THEM OFF IF I CAN'T MOVE QUICKLY!
GOT IT.
Feeling embarrassed he got it wrong.
clang

THIS WON'T DO...
I CAN'T DEFLECT THEIR ATTACKS WITHOUT MY SWORD!
IT'S MUCH TOO DANGEROUS FOR YUAN BAO TO STAY HERE WITH ME.
I'LL JUST HAVE TO TRUST IN HEAVEN'S WILL..
WAH!
FIND A PLACE TO HIDE. MOTHER WILL BE FINE.

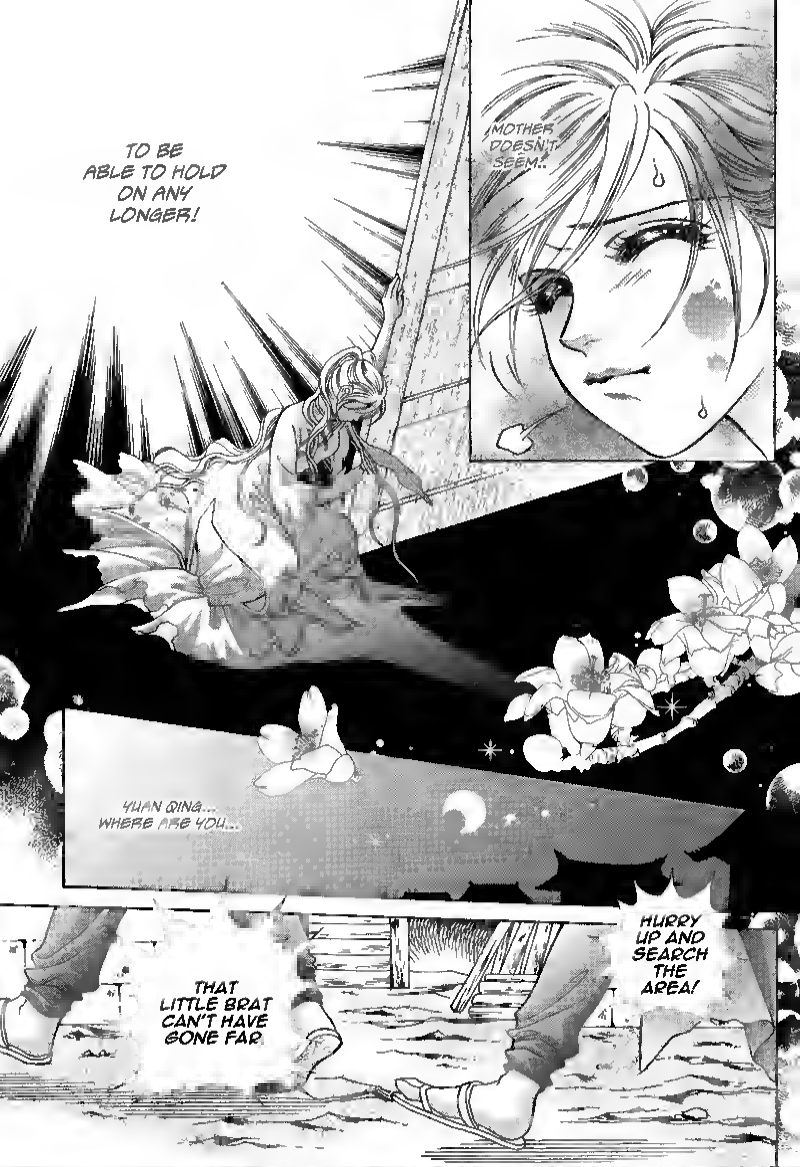
MOTHER—
CRASH
rumble
HURRY, GO!!
IF YOU DILLY-DALLY ANY LONGER, MOTHER WILL BEAT YOU UP.
What the—!
Getting beaten up is probably a lot more painful...

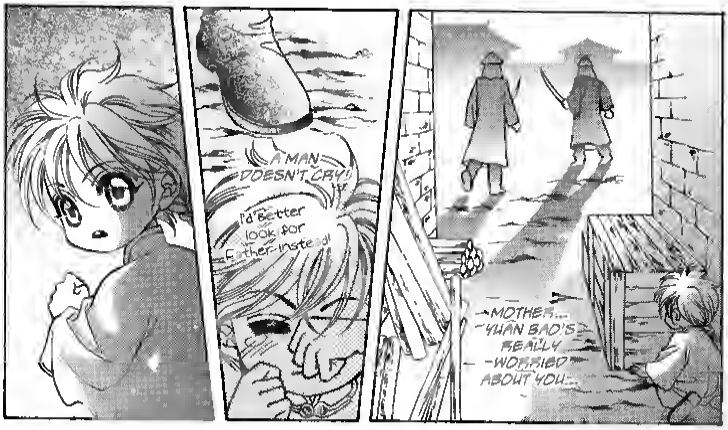
WAIT!
MOTHER IS IN TROUBLE!
WHERE ARE YOU, FATHER—
YOU!


ARE MY BANDIT BROTHERS INVOLVED IN THIS?
HMPH! EVER SINCE YOU LEFT THE BANDITS' CAMP, THE BOSS WON'T EVEN DO ANY BURNING OR LOOTING
AND YOU THINK HE'D TAKE ON A JOB LIKE MURDER?
SO...
YOU BUNCH DECIDED TO DO IT BEHIND HIS BACK?

I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I CAN KEEP THIS UP—
KICK
PUSH
DON'T THINK OF PASSING!
ARGH! WENCH, YOU ASKED FOR THIS.

Slice
YUAN BAO, YOU'D BETTER MAKE SURE TO HIDE YOURSELF WELL—
MOTHER—
Huff
Splash
SHE JUST GOT SLASHED, AND SHE'S STILL UNAFRAID
SHE DIDN'T EVEN CRY OUT IN PAIN
IS SHE SOME SORT OF FREAK?


TO BE ABLE TO HOLD ON ANY LONGER!
MOTHER DOESN'T SEEM...
YUAN QING... WHERE ARE YOU...
THAT LITTLE BRAT CAN'T HAVE GONE FAR.
HURRY UP AND SEARCH THE AREA!


A MAN DOESN'T CRY!!
I'd better look for Father instead
-MOTHER... -YUAN BAO'S REALLY -WORRIED ABOUT YOU...

!!
BROTHER USED TO KIDNAP CHILDREN
AND NOW HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND IS GOING BEHIND HIS BACK TO HARM CHILDREN..
THIS IS THE DOING OF THE BANDITS' GROUP.
I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN DUPED. THAT UPSETS ME.

客栈
EVERYONE LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE RUNNING FOR THEIR LIVES...
SIR, YOUR
WHAT ON EARTH IS GOING ON?
YOUR WIFE IS IN TROUBLE!

WHY?
I HAVE A VERY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS..
TIE HIM UP.
UH, OKAY.
THE SCENT OF BLOOD HANGING HEAVILY IN THE AIR.
HATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
THE SHOUTS OF PEOPLE TARGUING

THE SCENE BEFORE ME PLUNGES MY MIND INTO A STATE OF BLANKNESS...
MY HEAD POUNDS PAINFULLY, STABBING DEEP AS THOUGH TO MY VERY BONES.
YUAN QING...
YANG MIMI...
UGH...

I'M HERE
HURRY... YUAN QING...
LET'S FIND A PHYSICIAN!
NO...
WE HAVE TO LOOK FOR YUAN BAO...
YOU'RE LOSING TOO MUCH BLOOD. WE HAVE TO FIND A PHYSICIAN FIRST

STOMP
STOMP
LISTEN TO ME! WE HAVE TO FIND HIM FAST—
THEY'RE GOING TO KILL YUAN BAO
AND WHAT ABOUT YOU? I SHOULD JUST LEAVE YOU HURT AND BLEEDING?
I WILL LOOK FOR YUAN BAO AFTER I KNOW YOU'RE SAFE AND SOUND.

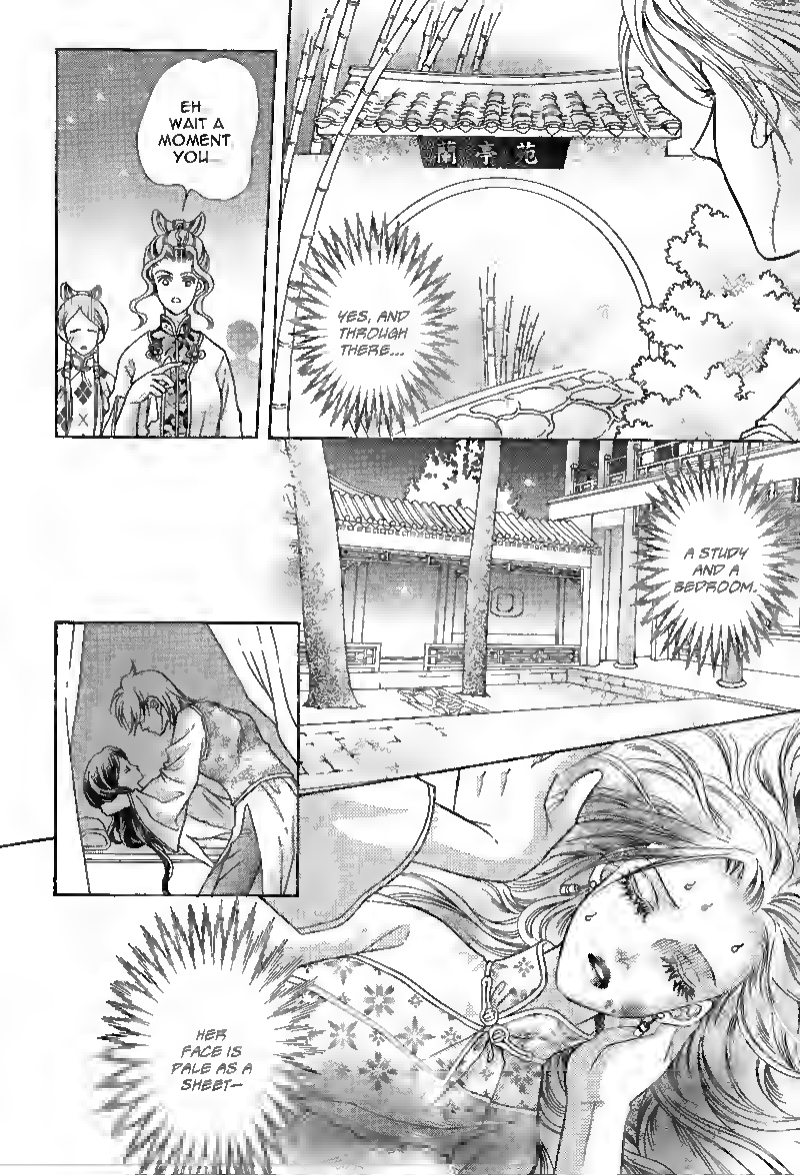
WHY IS IT WHENEVER I NEED YOU THE MOST
WHY WON'T YOU LISTEN
WHY WON'T YOU LET ME HAVE THIS PEACE OF MIND?
YOU ARE NEVER THERE?
I'M SORRY
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE TO PROTECT YOU AND YUAN BAO!

I'M SORRY

MASTER HAS BEEN SICK IN BED, AND THE FIRST YOUNG MASTER DROWNS HIMSELF IN DRINK
EVER SINCE THE SECOND YOUNG MASTER WAS KILLED IN BATTLE,
TAKE CARE NOT TO BURN THE WINDOWS WHEN YOU LIGHT THE LANTERNS.
YES, THIRD MADAM!
THIRD MADAM
I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG A MERE WOMAN LIKE ME CAN HANDLE THIS BURDEN
SLAM
!

WHO ARE YOU? HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!!
THIS IS PRIVATE PROPERTY.
THE GENERAL'S FAMILY WON'T WON'T ALLOW THIS KIND OF DISTURBANCE
I'm sorry
CALL FOR A PHYSICIAN IMMEDIATELY
I SAID CALL FOR A PHYSICIAN! HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO REPEAT MYSELF!?
YOU... YOU...
YOUR RUDENESS KNOWS NO LIMIT!
THAT MAN KIND OF LOOKS LIKE THE SECOND YOUNG MASTER...
WHO DID YOU SAY HE LOOKS LIKE?

LIKE THE SECOND YOUNG MASTER I SERVED HIM FOR YEARS
WHOEVER HE IS,
THE YOUNG LADY IN HIS ARMS IS HURT WE'D BETTER CALL FOR THE PHYSICIAN
Notify the Master!
Yes!
Yes!
THIS PLACE FEELS FAMILIAR TO ME.
AROUND THE CORNER IS A COURT-YARD WITH ORCHIDS.


EH WAIT A MOMENT YOU...
蘭幸苑
YES, AND THROUGH THERE...
A STUDY AND A BEDROOM.
HER FACE IS PALE AS A SHEET—

IS THE PHYSICIAN HERE YET!?
COMING COMING
I THOUGHT I WOULD GO OUT AND TEACH THOSE BANDITS A LESSON.
BUT ALL I DID WAS GIVE THEM A CHANCE TO MAKE A SNEAK ATTACK.

ALLOW ME
CERTAINLY, YOUNG MAN
TO THINK IT'S SO SERIOUS..
AND SHE DIDN'T MAKE ONE SOUND OF COMPLAINT WHEN SHE WAS CONSCIOUS?

HOW CAN SHE BE SO STUBBORN.
THE CUT RUNS ACROSS HER BODY, FROM HER SHOULDER, OVER HER CHEST, AND TO HER BELLY.
AND YET SHE STILL INSISTED I LOOK FOR YUAN BAO FIRST...
SHE WAS ABOUT TO THROW HER OWN LIFE AWAY FOR THE SAKE OF HER CHILD.
SHE CARES NOT ONE BIT FOR HER OWN LIFE!
IT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT PROTECTING THEM BOTH.

YOU HAVE TO BE OKAY.
YOU REALLY, REALLY HAVE TO BE OKAY...
HER INJURY IS VERY SERIOUS.
Master you shouldn't leave your bed
Cough Cough
Where? Where is this person?

YUAN YUAN QING!
FATHER!
!!
Ah!
It really is Yuan Qing!

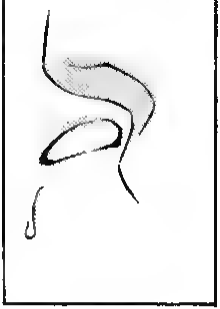
MY... MY BOY...
YOU... YOU'RE STILL ALIVE
WHY HAVEN'T WE HEARD FROM YOU THESE PAST FIVE YEARS?
YOUR SON HERE FORGOT HIMSELF...
I LED THE LIFE OF A WANDERER THESE PAST YEARS...
IT WAS UN-FILIAL OF ME TO HAVE MADE YOU WORRY SO...
NO
DO YOU REMEMBER WHO YOU ARE NOW?
THEN HOW...

IT WAS MY WIFE WHO FOUND ME AND BROUGHT ME BACK
WE MET WITH SOME TROUBLE WITH BANDITS
SHE'S VERY SERIOUSLY HURT
WE'LL MAKE SURE THE PHYSICIAN HAS THE FINEST HERBS TO TREAT HER WITH
ONE OF YOU IS THE MASTERMIND
AND SO YUAN BAO IS WITH ONE OF YOU.

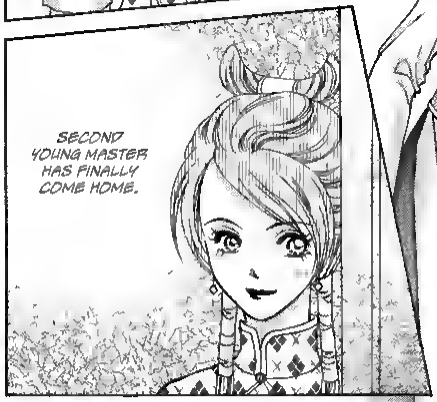
NO. THEY WERE ALL ADDRESSING YOU AS MASTER, SO I SIMPLY DEDUCED THAT YOU ARE PROBABLY MY FATHER
SINCE YOU CALLED ME FATHER, DOES THAT MEAN YOU REMEMBER ME?
Probably
WHAT A CASUAL, FLIPPANT WAY OF PUTTING IT!
!!!!
Its enough to have him home. Its enough to have him home!
HIS MAJESTY WILL BE SO GLAD TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE STILL ALIVE
This herb won't work either
WHAT ABOUT YUAN BAO? DIDN'T HE COME ALONG WITH YOU?

FATHER, LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT THIS NOW!
YOUR WIFE HAS LOST CONSCIOUS-NESS
SHE CANNOT SWALLOW THE MEDICINE
GIVE ME THAT

IT'S GETTING DARK, SO REST FIRST... I'LL BE SURE TO HOLD A PROPER HOMECOMING CELEBRATION FOR YOU IN A FEW DAYS



Couch
No need for that
Master, I'll help you back


SECOND YOUNG MASTER HAS FINALLY COME HOME.

TAKE CARE, FATHER

YOU MAY GO
Yes!
SHE NEEDS TO DRINK THIS ELIXIR THREE TIMES PER DAY..
I'M VERY GRATEFUL, DOCTOR!
I WILL COME AGAIN TOMORROW TO REDRESS HER WOUND
ONE MORE THING.
THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT.
PLONK

YOUR WIFE HAS A CHILL.
MAKE SURE TO KEEP HER WARM.
IF SHE MAKES IT THROUGH TONIGHT, SHE'LL BE SAFE.

I THINK I UNDERSTAND NOW WHY I CHOSE HER TO BE THE MOTHER OF MY CHILD.
THIS WOMAN.
FOR THE SAKE OF PROTECTING WHAT SHE LOVES—
THAT KIND OF DETERMINATION IS A HUGE BURDEN ON THE HEART. I MUSTN'T LET HER BEAR IT ALONE
WILL DISREGARD ALL MATERIAL POSSESSIONS AND USE UP THE VERY LAST OUNCE OF HER STRENGTH.—

HAVE YOU HEARD?
APPARENTLY THE GENERAL WHO WAS SAID TO HAVE DIED FIVE YEARS AGO IS STILL ALIVE!
YES, HE RETURNED HOME A FEW DAYS AGO
HIS FATHER HELD A GRAND BANQUET AND INVITED ALL THE CITY OFFICIALS
INDEED! I WAS AT THAT BANQUET
HIS HAIR IS SHORTER, BUT HE REALLY IS THE YOUNG GENERAL, NO DOUBT ABOUT IT
BUT IT SEEMS HE DOESN'T REMEMBER ANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT

MASTER!
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP
HE'S SO HAPPY NOW THAT YUAN QING IS BACK HOME. BUT WHAT ABOUT YUAN LEI? YUAN LEI HAS ALWAYS BEEN BY HIS SIDE!
YOU'VE BEEN A LOT MORE ENERGETIC THESE DAYS
MASTER!!
Ho ho ho!

HIS MAJESTY HAS ARRIVED!
HIS MAJESTY
HURRY
CALL FOR THE SECOND YOUNG MASTER TO GREET HIM IN THE MAIN HALL.

HEY... WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
YOU'RE AWAKE!
GULP!
I SWALLOWED YOUR MEDICINE...
WHY ARE WE IN THIS WEIRD POSITION...

WHERE ARE WE?
MY FAMILY'S MANOR
YOU BROUGHT ME HERE?
YEAH
IS YOUR MEMORY BACK?
Piercing Pain

I'M FINE
REALLY, YOU DON'T ACT ALL TOUGH IF IT HURTS, JUST LET IT OUT
BE CAREFUL.
YOU'VE BEEN DRIFTING IN AND OUT OF CONSCIOUSNESS FOR THE PAST FEW DAYS
ALSO IF IT HURTS, WAIT FOR IT TO PASS BEFORE YOU SPEAK.
YOUR CONSTIPATED EXPRESSION IS PAINFUL TO SEE
SO IS YOUR MEMORY BACK?
NO, MY MEMORY ISN'T BACK
THIS PLACE IS FAMILIAR TO ME, BUT I CAN'T RECALL ANYTHING SUBSTANTIAL.
How c you be so rude?
9

I TOLD YOU TO LOOK FOR HIM
WHAT ABOUT YUAN BAO?
I DIDN'T MANAGE TO FIND HIM...
I CAN'T LET HER KNOW THAT...
WITH THAT ATTITUDE OF HERS WHO KNOWS WHAT SHE'LL DO...

SHE'D RISK HER LIFE FOR THAT BOY.
SO WHERE IS YUAN BAO?
YUAN BAO'S WITH MY FATHER.

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Chapter 6 Using the Enemy's Trick Against Him

I'LL TEACH HIM THE RIGHT THING. HE'S MY SON, AFTER ALL
WHAT AN UNFILIAL CHILD
TOO BUSY PLAYING TO VISIT HIS INJURED MOTHER!
Argh!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO THAN MAKE FUN?
HOW INTERESTING THAT YOU TWO HAVE THE SAME NAME AND QUALITIES
BOTH "YANG" GOATS
ARE YOU STILL IN PAIN?

NO
IT'S MUCH BETTER NOW
WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT ME FOR? SO LEWD!
YOU THINK SO?
"LEWD" IS MORE LIKE THIS, ISN'T IT?
COME ON~ DON'T RUIN MY IMAGE OF YUAN QING
AREN'T I YUAN QING?
YOU ARE!
BUT THE OLD YUAN QING WOULD NEVER HAVE LOOKED SO SILLY
DURING OUR JOURNEY, I DISCOVERED THE LITTLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN YUAN QING BACK THEN AND NOW...
YUAN QING NOW IS MUCH MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD...

PERHAPS I WAS HIDING MY FEELINGS
HE CAN LEAVE ME SPEECHLESS AT TIMES UNABLE TO INTERACT WITH HIM...
OR PERHAPS YOU HAD YET TO GAIN MY TRUST
I THINK HE MIGHT BE ANGRY AGAIN
This Yuan Qing is so tricky to deal with.
WHO WOULD SPEAK SO BADLY OF THEMSELVES
THAT MUST BE HIS TRUE SELF. THE SELF HE KEPT SO HIDDEN BEFORE.
HE ACTS SO GENTLE AND EASYGOING ON THE SURFACE BUT I CAN SENSE HIS RESTLESSNESS..
THE MASTER WOULD HAVE YOU GREET HIS MAJESTY IN THE MAIN HALL.
THE EMPEROR HAS ARRIVED
KNOCK
YOUNG MASTER!

THE EMPEROR!
YOU KNEW HE WOULD COME?
TOOK HIM LONG ENOUGH TO COME.
HUH?!
I'VE WAITED FOR A FEW DAYS ALREADY
REST I'LL AVENGE ALL THE PAIN YOU'VE SUFFERED
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN!?
BUT HEARING HIM SPEAK THOSE WORDS SENDS CHILLS DOWN MY SPINE.
AVENGE MY PAIN? HE SAYS IT SO CASUALLY...

"THE OLD YUAN QING"...
THOSE WORDS LEAVE QUITE A BAD TASTE IN MY MOUTH...
I FEEL SO CONFLICTED.
I'M CLEARLY MYSELF REGARDLESS.
splish
splash

MY DEAR YOUNG GENERAL,
I WAS TOO IMPATIENT TO WAIT FOR YOU TO VISIT ME, SO I HAVE COME TO VISIT YOU!
I HEAR YOU'VE LOST YOUR MEMORY?
YES, I HAD A SIGNIFICANT BLOW TO THE HEAD.
EVEN NOW, MY HEAD STILL HURTS FROM TIME TO TIME.
HOW DID YOU FIND YOUR WAY HOME?
MY WIFE FOUND ME
SHE REMINDED ME THAT I WAS A GENERAL AND THAT I HAD CONQUERED THE WEST
OH? FASCINATING!
INTRODUCE ME TO HER
I BEG YOUR MAJESTY'S PARDON.
BUT SHE IS CONFINED TO BED

WE WERE ATTACKED BY BANDITS IN THE CITY, AND SHE WAS BADLY INJURED PROTECTING OUR SON
OF COURSE! LET HER REST!
AND YOUR SON IS SAFE, RIGHT?
MY SON... WAS TAKEN, AND I DO NOT KNOW WHERE HE IS AT THIS TIME
YUAN BAO HAS BEEN TAKEN? WHY DID YOU KEEP THIS FROM ME!?
I DIDN'T WANT TO WORRY YOU.
SLAM
THESE CRIMINALS DARE TO STIR UP TROUBLE IN MY CITY!
HOW ATROCIOUS!

I WILL INVESTIGATE THIS MATTER AND DEAL WITH IT APPROPRIATELY
YES!
THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY
FATHER!
YOUR LOVING DAUGHTER HERE WISHES TO TAKE A STROLL
HO HO HO
YUAN QING, WOULD YOU ACCOMPANY MY DARLING DAUGHTER ON HER STROLL?
AS YOU WISH
HA HA HA

ALWAYS WITH THAT GENTLE SMILE...
I'VE LIKED YOU FOR A LONG TIME. DID YOU KNOW THAT?
DO YOU REMEMBER ME?
THE EMPEROR JUST CALLED YOU HIS DARLING DAUGHTER, PRINCESS
I AM HONORED THAT YOU THINK SO FONDLY OF ME, PRINCESS,
BUT I ALREADY HAVE A WIFE
I KNOW

BUT THAT WAS IN ANOTHER LIFE, WAS IT NOT?
ZHU YUAN QING!

PUNCH
LUNGE
HOW DARE YOU!
WHO ARE YOU?!
SLAM
UGH!

MY HEAD REALLY HURTS...
EVER SINCE I CAME TO THIS MANOR, HASN'T ZHU YUAN QING BEEN THE OBJECT OF EVERYONE'S AFFECTION?
THAT PUNCH REALLY CAME OUT OF NOWHERE...
TO THINK, THAT I ACTUALLY HAD SUCH AN ENEMY BEFORE!
YOU LIAR!!
WHO?
BROTHER, TAKE FATHER TO SAFETY FIRST.
I WILL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU.

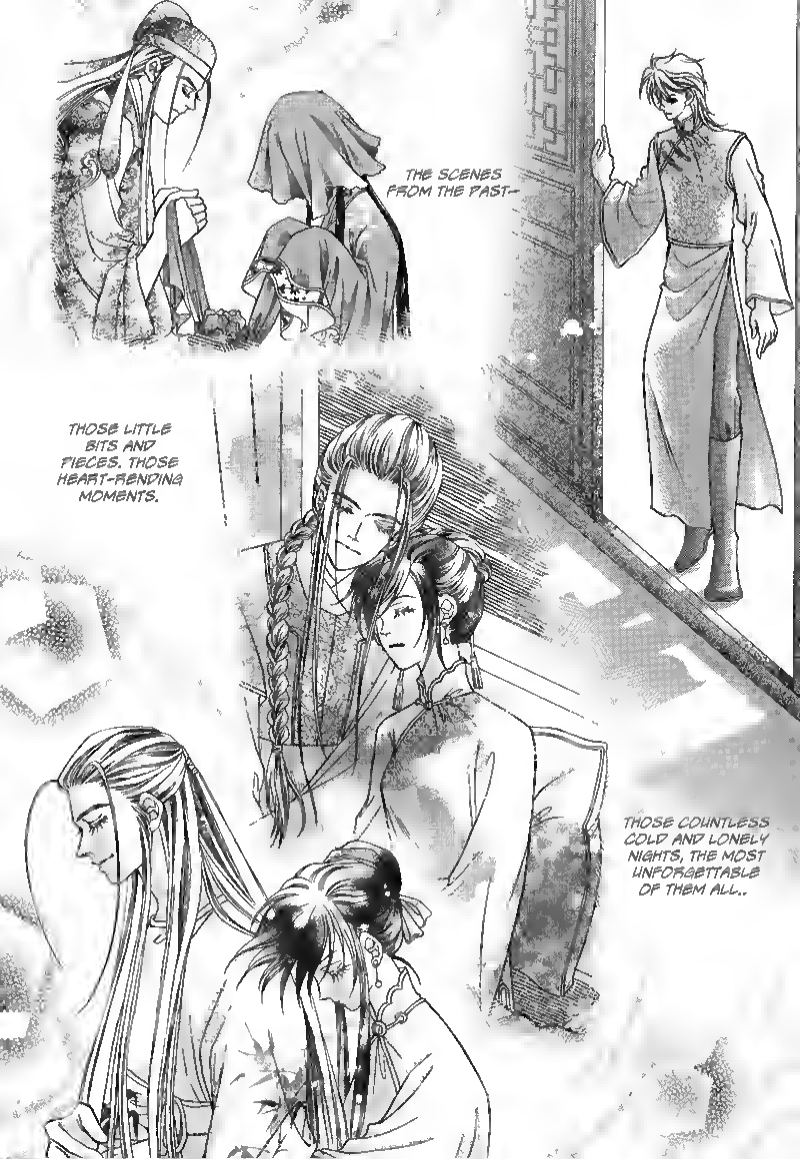
I REMEMBER
MOTHER BEING BULLIED
FIRST, MOTHER WOULD SOMETIMES BRING BROTHER ALONG WHEN SHE CAME TO VISIT MOTHER
!!

BIG...
BIG BROTHER...
IS THAT YOU?
YOU'VE CHANGED...
YOU'VE BECOME SO FEEBLE!
HOW HAVE YOU BEEN LIVING THESE PAST FEW YEARS?

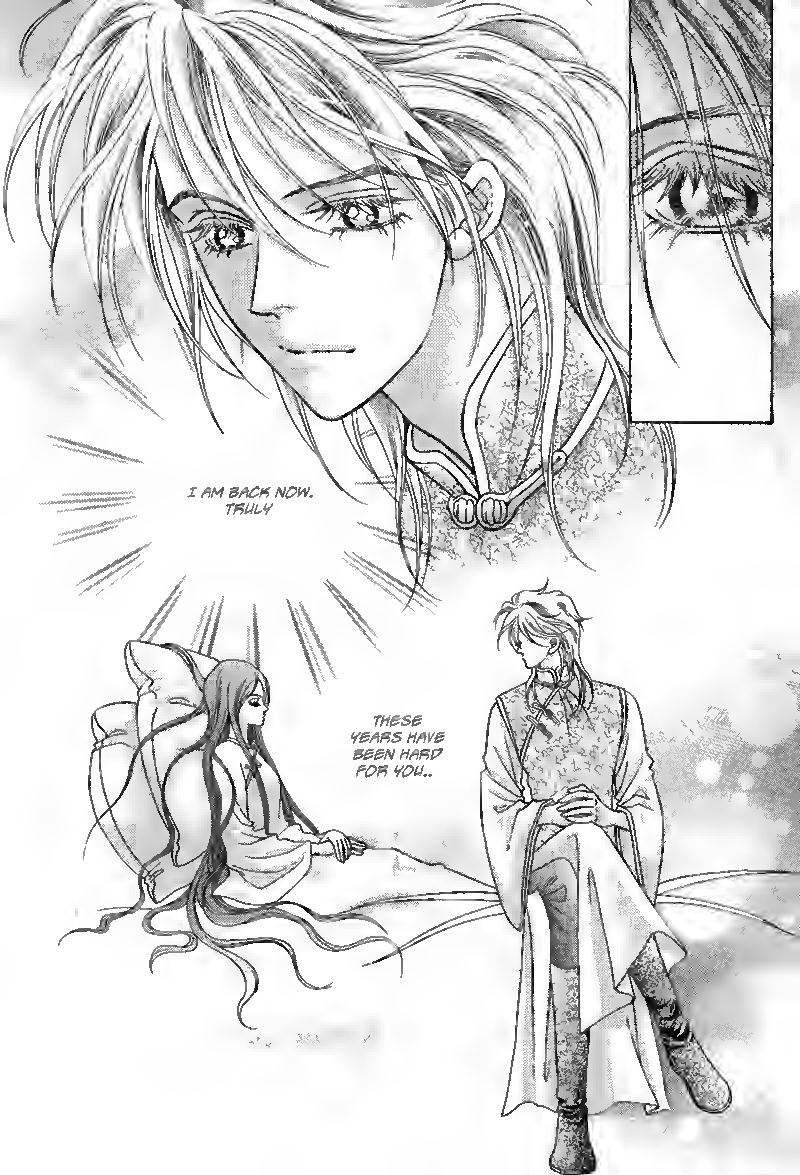
SINCE YOUTH, BIG BROTHER WAS ALWAYS UPSTANDING, WITH A SENSE OF HONOR.
I FOUND THAT ANNOYING IN THE PAST, AND ALWAYS TEASED HIM.
AN HONORABLE MAN LIKE HIMSELF MUST HAVE BEEN LIVING WITH CRUSHING GUILT ALL THIS TIME.
I'M SORRY I DIDN'T KEEP MY WORD!

DAMN!
I should really just kill you!
Big Brother, my neck is really sore... So soon...
WE SHOULD HAVE STAYED TOGETHER AND FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE...
BUT FATHER WAS WOUNDED I HAD NO CHOICE...
I'M SORRY THAT I CAUSED YOU SO MANY FEELINGS OF GUILT

BIG BROTHER, THIS IS THE PRINCESS!
What?
I don't want him!
THE EMPEROR ASKED ME TO ACCOMPANY HER ON HER STROLL.
BUT I WILL TAKE MY LEAVE NOW I HAVE SOMETHING TO ATTEND TO.
Just go away will you~
And you think I want you!?
HOW COULD I FORGET...


THE SCENES FROM THE PAST--
THOSE LITTLE BITS AND PIECES. THOSE HEART-RENDING MOMENTS.
THOSE COUNTLESS COLD AND LONELY NIGHTS, THE MOST UNFORGETTABLE OF THEM ALL..

HOW COULD I FORGET~ THAT FACE?
THE ONE WHO MADE ME LET DOWN MY GUARD.
THE ONE I WAS WILLING TO SPEND THE REST OF MY LIFE WITH.
I CAN'T BEAR THIS~


I AM BACK NOW.
TRULY
THESE YEARS HAVE BEEN HARD FOR YOU..

YOU'RE SOMEONE WORTH TREASURING AND PROTECTING!
FROM NOW ON YOU CAN LEARN TO SHARE WITH ME..
THAT BURDEN YOU'VE CARRIED ALL ON YOUR OWN
STEP
STEP
STEP

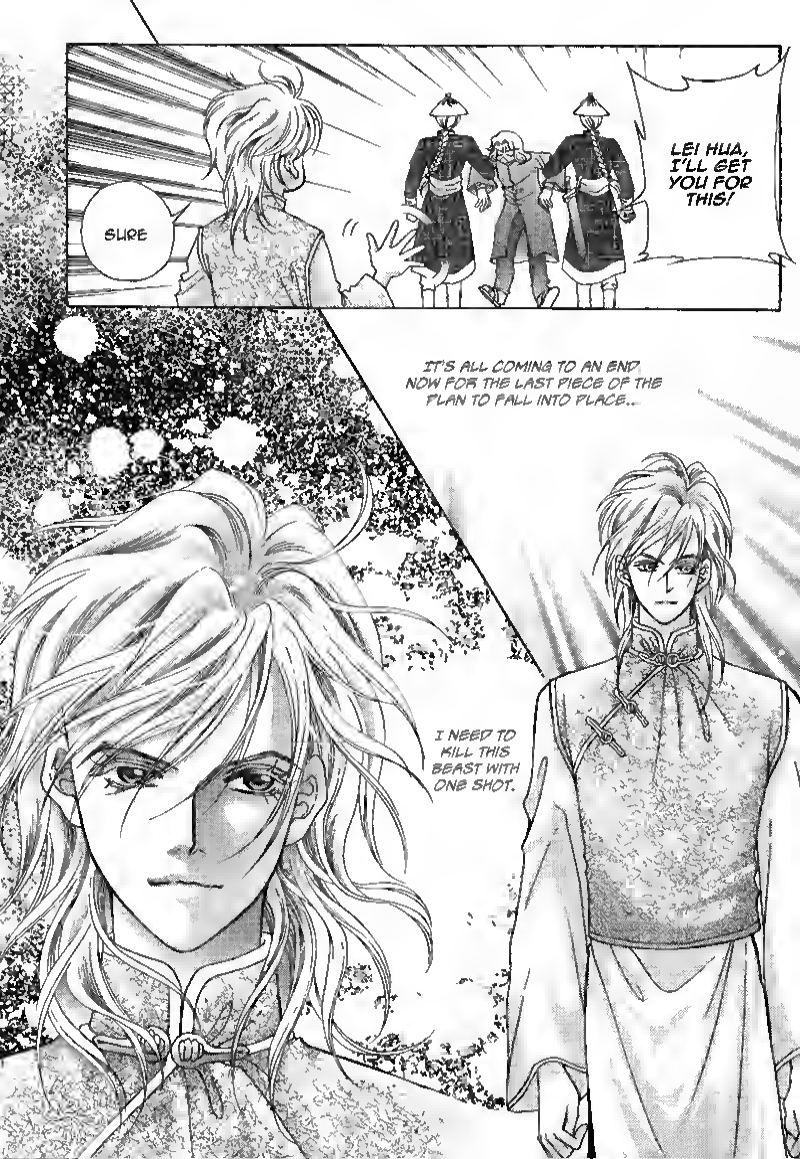
THIS...
WHERE DID ALL THESE PEOPLE COME FROM?
YUAN QING'S WORDS ARE SOMEWHAT UNSETTLING
YOU WHO ARE YOU GUYS?
IT'S SO SHOCKING TO WAKE UP TO SUCH A ASSEMBLY OF PEOPLE!
THE EMPEROR HAS ORDERED THE IMPERIAL PHYSICIAN TO TREAT YOU

WHY ARE YOU HIDING THERE?
I'M OVERTHINKING THINGS...
I'M NOT HIDING.
THIS PERSON IS NOT THE RESERVED AND INDECIPHERABLE YUAN QING OF THE PAST.
I JUST HAD NOWHERE ELSE TO STAND.
OH, YOU POOR THING!
How cute~
WE'LL SEE WHO'S THE "POOR THING"!
I HAVE A BAD FEELING...
Waaah~
UNDRESS HER AND APPLY THE OINTMENT.
THERE MUST NOT BE A SCAR.
I told you so~

THEY'RE LOOKING FOR A CRIMINAL WHO KIDNAPPED A CHILD!
WHOSE CHILD?
SO MANY CONSTABLES
PROBABLY FROM SOME RICH FAMILY
AS IF THEY WOULD SEARCH THE WHOLE CAPITAL TO HELP COMMONERS LIKE US!
BETTER TO SURRENDER THE CHILD BEFORE THEY CONSTABLES TRACK THEM DOWN THEY MAY BE MORE LENIENT IN THAT CASE
MOTHER... WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO JUST GIVE THE BOY BACK?
AS FAR AS ANYONE KNOWS, HE'S JUST SOME BOY WHO WAS KIDNAPPED BY BANDITS! WHY DOES THE EMPEROR CARE?
ARE...
ARE YOU KIDDING ME!?

I AGREE! I WISH WE COULD GIVE HIM BACK!
BUT I DON'T HAVE HIM! HE ESCAPED!
THE WHOLE CAPITAL IS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THE BOY!
SOONER OR LATER THEY WILL FIND US!
STRANGE... WHERE WOULD A CHILD LIKE HIM GO?
HEY!
WAKE UP

KNEEL
YOU KNOW WHO HIRED ME! WHY DON'T YOU LET ME GO!?
I'VE CONFESSED ALREADY!
I NEED YOUR COOPERATION
WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU UP TO!?
YOU SHOULD ASK THE CONSTABLES
HUH?
Side


LEI HUA, I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS!
SURE
IT'S ALL COMING TO AN END NOW FOR THE LAST PIECE OF THE PLAN TO FALL INTO PLACE..
I NEED TO KILL THIS BEAST WITH ONE SHOT.

YUAN BAO, FORGIVE YOUR FATHER FOR TAKING THIS RISK.
sniff
THAT FLOWER IS VERY FRAGRANT!

WAAAH!
HERE, TAKE THESE BACK
THE IMPERIAL PHYSICIAN DID AN INCREDIBLE JOB
YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR HABIT OF SILENTLY SNEAKING UP ON PEOPLE!
IF I HAD TO LIE DOWN ANY LONGER MY LIMBS WOULD HAVE ROTTED!
WHERE'S THAT UNFILIAL KID OF MINE?
STILL WITH FATHER.

DO YOU STILL REMEMBER WHY WE CAME HERE?
IT WAS TO LET YOUR FATHER KNOW YOU'RE STILL ALIVE,
SO HE'D STOP GOING AFTER MY SON!
AND YET NOW I FEEL LIKE HE'S SUCCEEDED IN TAKING YUAN BAO AWAY FROM ME.
I GAVE BIRTH TO HIM AND I RAISED HIM. I KNOW HIM BEST.
BUT HE WOULD NEVER STAY AWAY FROM ME FOR THIS LONG
I MAY BE HARD ON YUAN BAO AND HE MAY HAVE MORE FUN WHEN I'M NOT AROUND

DON'T YOU TRUST ME?
STAND
HOW CAN I TRUST YOU?
THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON FOR TRUST TO EXIST BETWEEN THE TWO OF US
I WANT TO SEE MY SON.

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Chapter 7 The Truth Is Revealed

I'M SORRY!
HOW CAN I TRUST YOU?
WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A FOUNDATION UPON WHICH TRUST CAN BE BUILT!
Shoosh
WHY IS IT THAT WHENEVER I NEED YOU, THE MOST...
YOUR LACK OF FAITH IN ME IS ENTIRELY MY FAULT
YOU ARE NEVER BY MY SIDE!?

HOW CIRCUMSTANCES ALWAYS PREVENTED ME FROM BEING THERE...
WHENEVER YOU NEEDED ME!
BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE DECIDED NOT TO RUN AWAY...
AND INSTEAD TELL ME THE HARSH TRUTH THAT YOU DON'T TRUST ME.
YOU'VE BROKEN DOWN AN INVISIBLE WALL BETWEEN US.
I CAN BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF!

SNATCH
AT LEAST WE NO LONGER HAVE TO PRETEND WITH EACH OTHER
GRAB

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THIS
EVERY TIME I TRY TO GET CLOSE TO YOU, YOU PUSH ME AWAY!
STOP PUSHING ME AWAY
LET GO!
THUD
I DON'T NEED YOU!
IT'S BEEN FIVE YEARS. I WAS PERFECTLY HAPPY WITHOUT YOU.

LET'S NOT WASTE TIME ON TRIVIAL MATTERS
TAKE ME TO SEE YUAN BAO
TRIVIAL?
YOU... UGH...
STOP TRYING TO KILL ME
GIVE ME ANOTHER CHANCE!
TRUST YOU WITH WHAT?
TRUST ME

SWOOSH
WHAT NOW?
GRAB
I KNOW YOU ONLY BROUGHT ME HERE SO THAT MY FATHER WOULD LEAVE YOU AND YUAN BAO ALONE...
AFTER THAT, YOU PLANNED TO TAKE HIM BACK HOME WITH YOU...
YOU NEVER PLANNED FOR ME TO STAY WITH YOU TWO, AM I RIGHT?

BUT IT'S NOT WHAT I WANT
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU LOSE IN THAT PLAN! THEY'RE STILL YOUR FAMILY!
I WANT US TO BE A FAMILY. I WANT TO GROW OLD WITH YOU

DO I NEED TO REMEMBER?
CAN'T I DECIDE FOR MYSELF AS I AM NOW?
OR ARE YOU AFRAID OF SOMETHING?
AFRAID .
DON'T SAY THINGS YOU DON'T MEAN
YOU DON'T EVEN REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN US

WHEN I TOOK THE WOMAN'S ROLE OF A MOTHER, I WAS LOST AT FIRST... BUT NEVER AFRAID!
I WAS RAISED ALMOST AS THOUGH I WAS A BOY.
I'VE HARDLY KNOWN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AFRAID.
BUT THESE BITTER AND PAINFUL EMOTIONS CLOSING IN ON ME.
I AM AFRAID...
I'M AFRAID THAT YOU MIGHT BE CALLED UPON TO LEAD THE ARMY AGAIN.
AFRAID THAT ONE DAY YOU'LL WAKE UP HAVING FORGOTTEN EVERYTHING AGAIN.

I COULD GET USED TO YOUR COMPANY, MAYBE EVEN LEARN TO ENJOY IT.
BUT I CAN'T FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU.
THAT WOULD MEAN DEDICATING ALL MY EFFORT TO LOVING AND PROTECTING YOU.
HOW MANY YEARS OF MY LIFE DO I HAVE TO GIVE UP FOR YOU?
THE SAME WAY I LOVE MY PARENTS AND YUAN BAO!
EXCEPT YOU COULD WALK OUT OF MY LIFE AT ANY TIME.

I HAVE TO GUARD MY HEART,
SO IT WON'T HURT AS MUCH WHEN THAT HAPPENS!
SUCH A TRIBEFUL WOMAN...

...AND YET SUCH A FRAGILE HEART.
GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME.
SHE'D RATHER SUFFRESS HER FEELINGS THAN LET LOVE MAKE HER VULNERABLE.
DON'T LET ALL MY EFFORTS UNTIL NOW BE FOR NOTHING.
HOW ABOUT LETTING YUAN BAO VISIT YOU AFTER YOU REST A FEW MORE DAYS?
I HAVE TO THINK OF A WAY TO DRAG THIS ON A LITTLE LONGER
IT'S ALMOST TIME...
YUAN BAO AND FATHER WENT OUT TO PLAY
LET'S NOT RUIN THEIR FUN BY CHASING AFTER THEM!
FINE

MY SON YUAN QING IS SO CONSIDERATE!
HE DIDN'T TELL ME YUAN BAO WAS KIDNAPPED SO AS NOT TO WORRY ME
MASTER, LET'S NOT TALK OF THESE MATTERS
FENG NIANG, HOW WOULD THIS FAMILY SURVIVE WITHOUT YOU?
IF YOU EVER NEED ANYTHING, I WILL BUY IT FOR YOU
WELL, THERE IS ONE THING...
I SEEM TO HAVE MISPLACED THAT GOLD-EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEF YOU GAVE TO ME FOR OUR ENGAGEMENT
YOUR HEALTH STILL HASN'T RETURNED
IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU TO REST
YOU'VE REALLY DONE SO MUCH FOR ME ALL THESE YEARS!

UM
MASTER
OH! NO MATTER! I'LL GET YOU ANOTHER ONE.
GENERAL, PLEASE PARDON MY RUDENESS!!
I AM MERELY CARRYING OUT HIS MAJESTY'S ORDERS.
MASTER!!
DETAIN THE TWO MISTRESSES.
WHAT... WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?

WE HAVE A BANDIT IN CUSTODY
HE CONFESSED THAT SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY PAID HIM TO KIDNAP YOUR GRANDSON
THE ONE HE SPEAKS OF
MUST BE ONE OF YOUR MISTRESSES
RELEASE THE THIRD MADAM.
SHE'S A SELFLESS PERSON WHO TAKES CARE OF EVERYONE IN THIS FAMILY
IT IS NOT HER
MASTER, IT WASN'T ME!!
I WOULDN'T KIDNAP A CHILD!

WITH A WICKED MOTHER LIKE YOU,
HOW COULD YUAN LEI GROW UP TO BE A MAN WORTHY OF ANYTHING?
BUT...
SILENCE! YOU CANNOT LIE YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS!
SISTER, DON'T TELL ME YOU DID IT FOR YOUR SON'S INHERITANCE
DON'T MAKE UP STORIES! I DID NO SUCH THING!
LOWLY WOMAN! OUT WITH IT! WHERE IS YUAN BAO!?

ARE YOU DONE NOW?
LET GO OF MY MOTHER
YUAN LEI?

YUAN LEI...
DON'T TELL ME YOU WERE INVOLVED AS WELL?
OUR FAMILY IS SO UNFORTUNATE— SO VERY UNFORTUNATE
YOUR MOTHER HAS COMMITTED A CRIME. NO ONE CAN HELP HER OUT OF THIS.
THERE HAS BEEN NO TRIAL.
HOW CAN YOU BE SO SURE SHE'S GUILTY?

SNATCH
MOTHER!
LET'S GO!
THERE'S NO REASON FOR US TO STAY IN THIS FAMILY
YUAN LEI
BUT, YOUR FATHER...
BETTER TO JUST TO LEAVE HIM TO DIE
BROTHER, DON'T ACT SO RASHLY

YUAN QING!
I'VE BROUGHT A FRIEND
ONE WHO WILL BE ABLE TO HELP IN THIS INVESTIGATION
COME,
BROTHER ZHU GE

WHAT?
WHAT WAS MEANT TO HAPPEN REALLY DID COME TO PASS
FATHER WILL HAVE TO SPEND THE LAST YEARS OF HIS LIFE ALONE
GO ON!
FALL

YUAN CHING!!
THIS MAN IS AN ACCOMPLICE
WHAT?
MOTHER!!

HE SAID HE'D KILL ME IF I DIDN'T CONFESS!
MOTHER, WHAT ELSE WAS I TO DO?
YOU IDIOT!
I WAS EMPLOYED BY YOUNG MASTER YUAN LEI
BROTHER ZHU GE WAS HIRED TO PROTECT US IN SECRET
HE HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING THE SITUATION

WHAT DO YOU HAVE TO SAY NOW?
MASTER, I'M BEING FALSELY ACCUSED!
THEY'RE TRYING TO FRAME ME

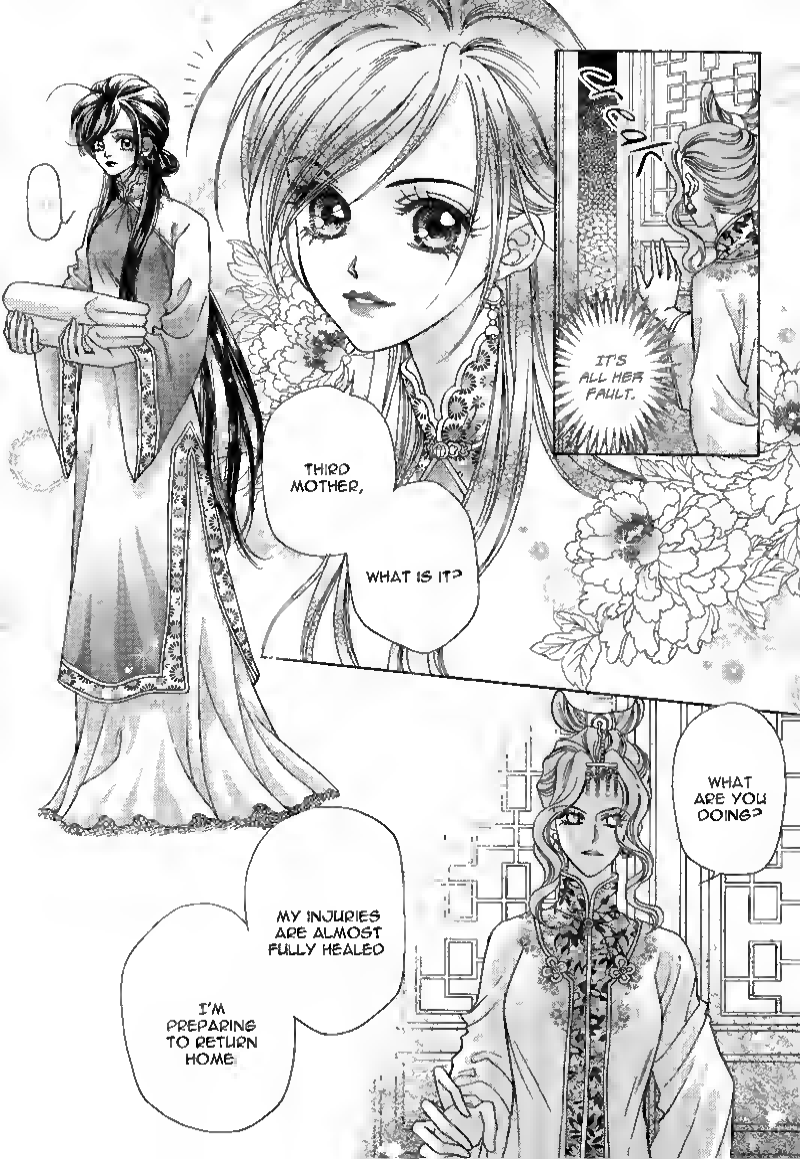
YOU CAN'T PROVE I DID IT!
Feng Niang
I CAN.
I FOUND THIS DURING MY INVESTIGATION
NOT MANY PEOPLE COULD AFFORD SUCH FINE SILK
ON TOP OF THAT, YOUR NAME IS EMBROIDERED ON IT
...
SO THAT'S WHERE I LOST IT... CHAO!

ARREST HER!
THIS SHOULD BE ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO CONVICT HER!
THERE MUST BE SOME MISUNDER-STANDING HERE.
HOLD ON!!
THE MASTER CAN'T PROTECT ME FROM THE EMPEROR.

DON'T TELL ME... HE PURPOSELY HID IT FROM MASTER SO THAT HE COULD GET THE EMPEROR INVOLVED!?
WHAT A COLD SMILE!!
HE KNOWS HIS PLAN HAS SUCCEEDED!
SUCH AN ICY GAZE HE CLEARLY KNEW IT WAS ME ALL ALONG...
HOW IS IT THAT I'VE ONLY JUST NOW REALIZED HE'S BEEN LOOKING AT ME WITH THOSE COLD EYES ALL THIS TIME?
SO THIS WAS ALL JUST A TRAP HE SET FOR ME!

AS IF I'LL LET YOU HAVE YOUR WAY!
SO THAT'S YOUR PLAN?
!!
dash
MOTHER...
FENG NIANG!

SHE'S THE ONE WHO BROUGHT BACK YUAN QING.
MASTER WOULD HAVE HANDLED IT AND FORGIVEN ME. IT WOULDN'T HAVE COME TO THIS...
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT!
THAT TROUBLE-MAKER...
SHE IS THE CAUSE OF THIS WHOLE MESS.


Sneak
IT'S ALL HER FAULT.
THIRD MOTHER,
WHAT IS IT?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
MY INJURIES ARE ALMOST FULLY HEALED
I'M PREPARING TO RETURN HOME.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR YUAN QING? HE ISN'T HERE
PAT
MASTER ASKED ME TO COME ASK IF YOU NEED ANYTHING
THE MASTER IS HERE AT HOME?
OF COURSE
ZHU YUAN QING... YOUR ABILITY TO TELL SUCH BLATANT LIES REALLY LEAVES ME SPEECHLESS...

I'M SO STUPID...
I ACTUALLY BELIEVED HIS BULLSHIT..
I'M GONNA KILL HIM!
THERE WAS NO POINT IN GIVING HIM ANOTHER CHANCE
IT'S WHAT I SHOULD HAVE DONE FROM THE START.

dodge
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL WITH KNIVES, ESPECIALLY IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE THEM
OR ELSE YOU'LL HURT YOURSELF
PUSH
AH!

whoosh
...HOW DID YOU KNOW?
I COULD SENSE YOUR MURDEROUS INTENT AS SOON AS YOU CAME IN HERE
IT WAS OBVIOUS

Heh...
scatter
GRAB

FEEL THAT LIME POWDER BURNING YOUR EYES?
THAT'S HOW I FEEL WHENEVER I LOOK AT YOU!
YOU EVEN BROUGHT BACK THAT BASTARD
AND SPOILED ALL MY EFFORTS OVER THESE YEARS
NOT ONLY DID YOU GIVE BIRTH TO THE LITTLE BRAT WHO THE MASTER WAS SO EAGER TO WELCOME INTO THE FAMILY
REGARDLESS HOW USELESS MY SON YUAN CHING IS,
I WON'T LET YOU TAKE ONE BIT OF THE FAMILY INHERITANCE
IT'S ALL OURS!!
I'LL KILL ANYONE WHO GETS IN MY WAY.

KILL WHO!?
PUSH
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO MOST DESERVES TO BE KILLED
YOU

THWACK
YUAN QING
I'M FINE
DON'T GO BEATING UP A WOMAN WHO CAN'T DEFEND HERSELF
I STILL HAVEN'T
HAD A CHANCE TO AVENGE MY MOTHER!

I THOUGHT ABOUT STABBING YOU TO DEATH,
BUT THAT'S TOO QUICK A DEATH FOR A MURDERER LIKE YOU!
DON'T WORRY. RIGHT NOW I DON'T FEEL LIKE KILLING YOU...
THERE IS A SPECIAL PLACE FOR JEALOUS, GREEDY, EVIL PEOPLE LIKE YOU...
A PLACE SO AWFUL YOU WILL WISH FOR DEATH
HERE SHE IS!!
ARREST HER.

UNHAND ME! I AM THE WIFE OF THE GENERAL!
SILENCE, CRIMINAL!
I CAN'T HELP BUT FEEL PITY FOR THIS WOMEN IN THIS HOUSE.
WHERE HER FORTUNE IS COMPLETELY DEPENDENT ON ONE MAN'S FAVOR.
AND TO MAKE IT WORSE, THERE ARE SO MANY WIVES.
SO THERE'S NO TELLING WHO WILL BE THE FAVORITE FROM ONE MOMENT TO THE NEXT!
Go away
Master

Don't be so rough!
Gentle!
THE BEST THEY CAN DO IS TRY TO INHERIT ENOUGH MONEY TO PROTECT THEMSELVES.
NO ONE IS SAFE.
WHAT A TRAGEDY FOR THEM TO BE IN SUCH A SITUATION.
IT'S NOT THEIR FAULT. THEY'RE MERELY TRYING TO SURVIVE IN THIS HOUSEHOLD THEY LIVE IN.
SON
Feng Niang!
Wah!
WHY DIDN'T YOU LET ME HANDLE IT?
THIS WAS NO SMALL ISSUE, BUT NOR WAS IT BIG ENOUGH TO BRING BEFORE THE EMPEROR...
WHY DID IT HAVE TO COME TO THIS...

LET YOU HANDLE IT, FATHER?
WHY? IF YOU HAD ANY HONOR—
THIRD MOTHER WOULDN'T HAVE POISONED MY MOTHER WHILE SHE WAS PREGNANT WITH ME,
AND SHE WOULDN'T HAVE BLED TO DEATH WHEN I WAS BORN
AND THEN, JUST TO APPEASE THIRD MOTHER'S JEALOUSY, YOU DIDN'T BURY MY MOTHER IN THE FAMILY CRYPT!
I WAS ONLY A CHILD BACK THEN AND COULDN'T DO ANYTHING FOR HER—
SO I'M DOING WHAT I CAN NOW
SO— YOU STILL REMEMBER ALL THAT NOW? THAT WAS THE PURPOSE OF THIS WHOLE PLOT?

YUAN QING— DID I EVER TRULY UNDERSTAND THIS BOY?
HE SENDS CHILLS DOWN MY SPINE—
DON'T TRY TO ACT TOUGH. IF IT'S NOT TREATED PROPERLY YOU COULD LOSE YOUR SIGHT!
DON'T WORRY, NOT MUCH LIME POWDER GOT IN MY EYES!
WHERE'S YUAN BAO!?
YOU'LL FEEL BETTER WITH SOME VEGETABLE OIL DROPS IN YOUR EYES!

CLOSE YOUR EYES! AFTER THIS YOU STILL HAVE TO RINSE YOUR EYES WITH WATER
Stubbornly bearing it
Tears and vegetable oil → streaming down
glare
OKAY...
I LIED ABOUT FATHER AND YUAN BAO GOING OUT TO PLAY...
I'LL TELL YOU EVERYTHING AFTER WE FINISH TREATING YOUR EYES
I WANT YUAN BAO RIGHT NOW...

I didn't think my house was so big before.
But after wandering around in the outside world, I now realize how huge it is!
I WANT TO BRING YUAN BAO BACK AS SOON AS I CAN
I MISS HOME
SPLASH
SPLASH
AND I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE BANDIT CAMP AS SOON AS I CAN.
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'VE DISGRACED YOUR FAMILY,
AND YOUR FATHER CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO LEAVE!
You're right!
Hahei

WE'RE GOING TO FETCH OUR SON BACK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
I WANT TO EMBRACE MY WIFE BEFORE WE SAY GOODBYE TO EACH OTHER!

ARE YOU LEI HUA NOW, OR YUAN QING?
I'M BOTH
I REALLY LOVE HOW YOUR FACE LOOKS NOW WE FINALLY LOOK LIKE A COUPLE
WE BOTH HAVE MISTY EYES!
Whose fault is it?
It's stupid that!

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FINAL CHAPTER KEY TO THE HEART

I REALLY CANNOT BELIEVE YOU!
HOW DARE YOU! NOT ONLY DID YOU LIE TO ME AGAIN...
WHAT !?
Clop !
Clop !
BUT YOU ALSO GAVE MY SON TO SOME STRANGER FOR TWO WEEKS!?
AH~ HEAR ME OUT~
I WOULD BE A STUPID PIG TO STILL BELIEVE YOU!
Domestic violence
smash
slam
HONEY... DON'T JINX YOURSELF

Smash
Slam
Relieved at not having to sit inside
MOTHER~
MOTHER, MOTHER, MOTHER, MOTHER, MOTHER, MOTHER, MOTHER~
Miss Mimi~
EH—
IT'S GUAN ZHONG? WHY DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY SO!
I did say not to jinx yourself!

SO MISS MIMI DIDN'T KNOW HER SON WAS HERE!?
ALL HE TOLD ME WAS THAT SHE WAS HURT, SO I WOULD HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF YUAN BAO AS SHE RECOVERED...
...
NO... I WOULDN'T DARE SUGGEST THAT... HONEY, PLEASE CALM DOWN...
WHAT? SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'S MY FAULT?
Someone who likes to leave things half-explained
You guys better settle your family affairs yourself! I'm leaving!
Mother~ Yuan Bao wasn't
So you were in cahoots with your father to trick your mother?
Gwen Zhong don't you c... run away!!
ROLL ROLL ROLL
ATROCIOUS!! WHAT ELSE ARE YOU STILL HIDING FROM ME!?

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME ANYWAY
Hecheehee! Father's so ticklish!
PLENTY! BUT I WON'T SAY
GIVE ME MY SON BACK, YOU TROUBLE-MAKING, CALCULATING WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING.
Hmph!
WELL THEN...
REALLY HAVE TO DO THINGS THIS WAY?
DO WE...

WHAT!?
Hmph!

LET'S WAIT AND SEE
THIS GUY TREATS EVERYONE LIKE A POOL...
USING THEM FOR HIS OWN CONVENIENCE...
YOU DON'T SCARE ME!!
HE FEELS NO REMORSE EVEN AFTER HE'S BEEN CAUGHT
I KNEW I SHOULDN'T HAVE TRUSTED HIM!

I CAN'T IMAGINE HAVING A RELAXED CONVERSATION...
LET ALONE LIVING TOGETHER.
I NEEDED A BREAK FROM MY READING AND STEPPED OUT FOR A STROLL.
I FOUND THIS LITTLE BRAT IN THE ALLEYWAY AND DION'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
A FEW DAYS LATER, YOUR HUSBAND FINALLY CAME TO US AND EXPLAINED THE SITUATION.
Earlier this morning
MISS MIMI, PLEASE SPARE ME—
I THOUGHT THAT YOU KNEW—
TWO WEEKS AGO—
THAT'S WHEN I FOUND OUT YOU WERE INJURED,
SO I TOOK CARE OF YUAN BAO FOR YOU.
Heh...
I DION'T KNOW YOU'D BEEN KEPT IN THE DARK

YOU'RE REALLY LEAVING?
YES
IT'S AN INTERESTING WORLD OUT THERE!
FATHER'S FEELING UNWELL, SO HE CAN'T COME SAY GOODBYE
AND THIRD MOTHER HAS BEEN EXILED TO A PLACE BEYOND THE BORDER
WE'D BETTER PART WAYS SOON.
TO PREVENT ANY MORE DISASTERS.

FATHER SPOILED THIRD MOTHER SO MUCH THAT SHE BECAME HARD TO BEAR.
WITH HER GONE, WE MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE AT PEACE IN THIS HOUSE-HOLD
YOU'VE DONE US A FAVOR. HOW VERY UNUSUAL.
THAT WAS A SPEEDY VERDICT!
WHETHER IT'S LEAVING HOME OR DRIVING OUT THIRD MOTHER,
YOU ALWAYS DO THE THINGS I DREAMED ABOUT, BUT NEVER DARED TO TRY
Ha ha ha!
THAT'S RIGHT! BUT FATHER IS STILL UPSET
BETTER FOR ME TO BE SELFISH AND GO WHERE I WANT TO.
YOU'RE DETERMINED TO FOLLOW MISS YANG TO YANG ZHOU, RIGHT?
WELL, YOU ARE A MUCH MORE FILIAL SON, BIG BROTHER.

OF COURSE! HOW CAN I BACK DOWN AFTER SHE CHALLENGED ME?
YOUR SON IS ALREADY FIVE YEARS OLD. YOU SHOULD SET A BETTER EXAMPLE!
SIGH
EVER SINCE THAT DAY I PUNCHED YOU, SHE'S ALWAYS NAGGING.
SHE'S COME TO SCOLD ME AGAIN
sigh
PRINCESS FU YI HAS ARRIVED
OH
I'LL BE WAITING TO HEAR GOOD NEWS FROM YOU TWO
I'LL BE ON MY WAY
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK
Then why is my face turning red?

OUR SON IS ALREADY FIVE,
BUT BETWEEN THE TWO OF US—
OUR PROBLEM IS ROOTED IN THOSE FIVE LOST YEARS.
I SEE...
SO THAT'S WHY THERE SEEM TO BE FEWER MOUNTAIN BANDITS

SHINY SHINY GOLD!
WHY DON'T WE MOVE INTO THE CITY AND SELL OUR SERVICES AS GUARDS FOR HIRE?
I'VE ALREADY BOUGHT A STORE-FRONT
WHERE'D YOU GET ALL THE MONEY?
I WAS A GENERAL IN THE WAR FIVE YEARS AGO I FINALLY REMEMBERED TO COLLECT MY PAYMENT
ALL RIGHT! LET'S USE OUR FIGHTING SKILLS FOR HONEST WORK!
BODYGUARDS STILL DO PLENTY OF FIGHTING!
Ha ha ha
AS LONG AS I CAN BEAT UP PEOPLE!
AS LONG AS I CAN FIGHT!

↑ These guys....

Eh!
why am I suddenly dizzy~
YANG MIMI, YOU MAY HAVE GOTTEN AWAY FROM ME FOR NOW, BUT...
HM... SOMETHING IS OFF ABOUT THAT KID...
SOONER OR LATER YOU'LL HAVE TO COME
NEGOTIATE THAT MATTER...

HEY, KID LET ME ASK YOU
HOW COME YOU NEVER ASK ABOUT YOUR FATHER?
Immediate reaction!!
HM.
AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
THAT SIGN AGAIN ..
IT'S A SECRET BETWEEN FATHER AND ME..

I RAISED YOU FOR FIVE YEARS AND YOU'RE MORE LOYAL TO A FATHER YOU BARELY KNOW!?
KICK
YOUNG MASTER YUAN BAO, LET'S GO FLY KITES
MOTHER, VIOLENCE IS NOT A SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS.
Immediately
sits up!!

HE DIDN'T CRY.
HE'S CHANGED...
SISTER QING LIAN, WAIT FOR ME!
HE'S BECOME STRONG.
HE EVEN SCOLDED ME!
Sure!
ARE YOU COMING?
AND YOU, MISS MIMI?

ZHU GE TURNED OUT TO BE LIAN'ER'S FATHER..
YOU GUYS GO ON AND HAVE FUN!
TO THINK THAT THEY WERE REUNITED BECAUSE OF THAT CHIPPED COIN..
Flashback
BACK THEN, I GAVE THIS COIN TO THE GENERAL.
I ASKED HIM TO GIVE IT TO YOU SO THAT WE WOULD RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER AFTER YOU GREW UP
Big Brother Guan Zhong found it in a pond
But
I CAN GUESS WHAT YUAN QING DID WITH THAT TREASURED COIN—

Hey, Zhu Ge! How about you stay and become our family's steward? Guan Zhong has been trying to pass the test for five years already. Who knows how many more years he's gonna take?
Father, where will you go now?
Your mother died of illness.
I'VE FINALLY REUNITED WITH MY DAUGHTER AND CAN LEAVE BEHIND MY LIFE AS A WANDERER.
YOU SAY THAT, BUT YOU DON'T SEEM HAPPY!
Huh?
YOU DON'T WANT TO?
NOW EVERYONE CAN FINALLY BE TOGETHER.
LIAN'ER CAN FINALLY STOP WORRING ABOUT HER MISSING PARENTS.
NO WONDER ZHU GE CALLED US HIS BENEFACTORS THE FIRST TIME WE MET..

Ugh!
THERE IT IS AGAIN. THAT TINGLING FEELING.
IT'S SO GOOD TO RETURN TO LIFE LIKE BEFORE.
IS SOMETHING ABOUT TO HAPPEN!?

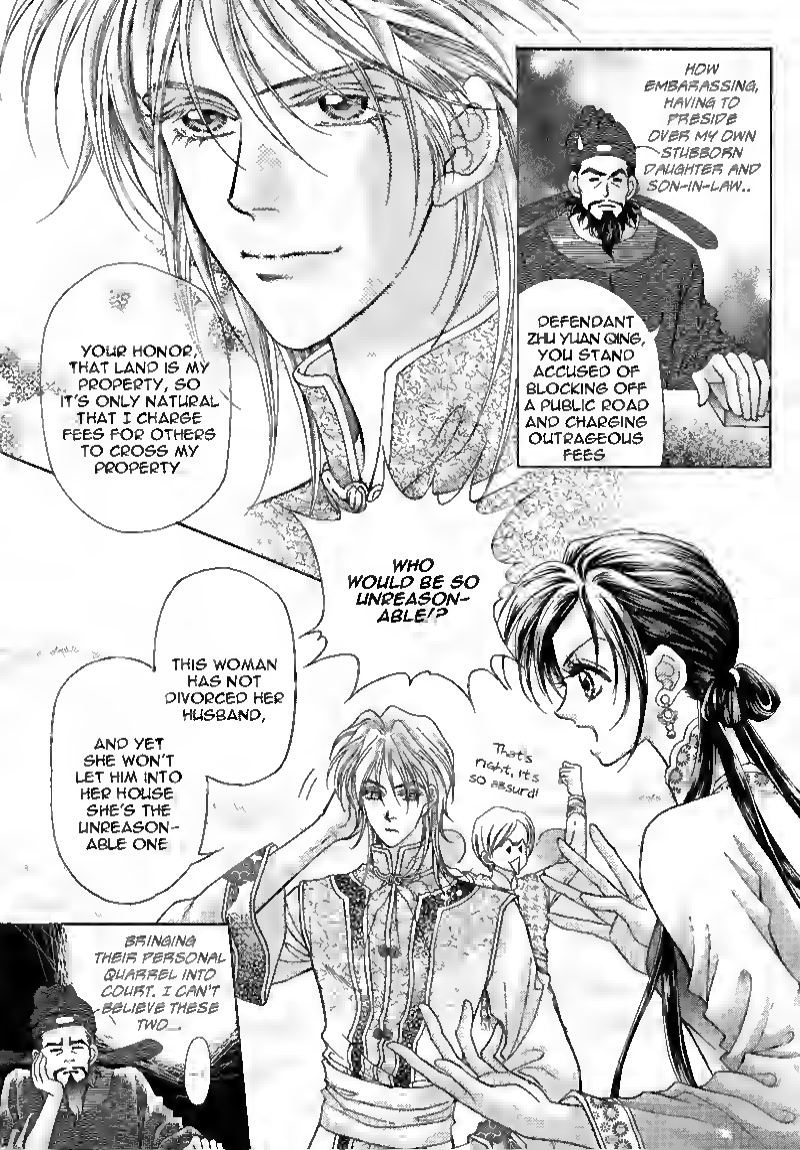
MISS MIMI, BAD NEWS!!
THE ROAD FOR TRANS-PORTING THE GOODS HAS BEEN BLOCKED OFF!!
A BUNCH OF RUFFIANS ARE SAYING IT'S THEIR TERRITORY...
IF THAT ROAD IS BLOCKED WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONTINUE OUR BUSINESS.
THEY WANT US TO PAY FEES TO PASS THROUGH!
I'D LIKE TO SEE
EXACTLY WHO IS SO INCORRIGIBLE!!

Guard Agency
THAT'D BE ME!
I'M THE CHIEF OF THIS GUARD AGENCY.
NO FREAKING WAY—
ZHU YUAN QING—
NO WONDER I'VE BEEN FEELING COLD SHIVERS DOWN MY SPINE ALL DAY!

I'VE BOUGHT THIS WHOLE LOT OF LAND, INCLUDING THIS SECTION OF THE ROAD.
IF YOU WANT TO PASS THROUGH MY TERRITORY, YOU HAVE TO PAY THE FEE.
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS!?
WHAT KIND OF LOWLIFE WOULD BLOCK A PUBLIC ROAD!
FINE! WHAT'S THE FEE?
ONE HUNDRED SILVER TAELS
THE ONE STANDING RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOU

NOPE!
ONE HUNDRED TAELS FOR EVERY TIME YOU USE MY ROAD
ONE HUNDRED TAELS A YEAR... EXPENSIVE.
HE'S OBVIOUSLY JUST LOOKING TO MAKE TROUBLE!
She explode!
WHAT!? THIS IS DAYLIGHT ROBBERY!
WHAT EXACTLY DO YOU WANT?
Hmph!
And now he's extorting money from his own wife!
He kidnapped his own son to smear his own father
He's no mere bandit. He's a criminal mastermind!
The money just comes rolling in and we don't even have to lift a finger
Wow! This is way more profitable than just being a mountain bandit

Note: In ancient legal courts it was tradition to chant the phrase "Hey hoo" while pounding the floor with poles


HOW EMBARRASSING, HAVING TO PRESIDE OVER MY OWN STUBBORN DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW..
DEFENDANT ZHU YUAN QING, YOU STAND ACCUSED OF BLOCKING OFF A PUBLIC ROAD AND CHARGING OUTRAGEOUS FEES
YOUR HONOR, THAT LAND IS MY PROPERTY, SO IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT I CHARGE FEES FOR OTHERS TO CROSS MY PROPERTY
WHO WOULD BE SO UNREASON-ABLE!?
THIS WOMAN HAS NOT DIVORCED HER HUSBAND,
AND YET SHE WON'T LET HIM INTO HER HOUSE. SHE'S THE UNREASON-ABLE ONE
That's right, it's so absurd!
BRINGING THEIR PERSONAL QUARREL INTO COURT, I CAN'T BELIEVE THESE TWO...
-!

ORDER IN THE COURT!
ONE HUNDRED SILVER TAELS FOR EACH CROSSING IS AN UNREASONABLE FEE
HOW ABOUT THIS...
I WILL LET YOU CROSS MY ROAD ANY TIME YOU PLEASE, BUT IN EXCHANGE
I WANT TO BE ALLOWED TO ENTER YANG MANOR ANY TIME I PLEASE
That's right!
That's very reasonable!

SO THAT WAS HIS GOAL...
FORGET ABOUT IT! I'LL DIVORCE YOU RIGHT NOW.
PLAINTIFF YANG MIMI
THERE IS NO PRECEDENT FOR A WIFE FILING FOR DIVORCE. IT IS USUALLY THE HUSBAND WHO FILES.
FUTHERMORE, DOES YOUR FATHER APPROVE OF YOU GETTING DIVORCED?
ALTHOUGH, YOUR SITUATION IS AN UNUSUAL ONE, SEEING AS YOUR HUSBAND HAS JOINED YOUR FAMILY AND YOU ARE A DOMINEERING WIFE. HOWEVER
I THINK IT'S BETTER IF YOU AGREE TO YOUR HUSBAND'S SUGGESTION
WHAT!
That's the way it should be.
Your honor is wise.

YOU OLD FART, HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
Club with spikes made from wolves' teeth
Miss
CASE CLOSED. COURT IS DISMISSED.
Stop her stop her!
HIT
SMASH
Miss Please calm down
← Running for dear life
HE SOLD HIS DAUGHTER TO THE WOLVES...
THERE'S NO WAY FATHER DIDN'T KNOW YUAN QING BOUGHT THAT LAND...
DON'T GET TOO COCKY!
I'LL BE WATCHING YOU YOU'D BETTER NOT TRY AND COOK UP PLOTS WITH ANYONE ELSE IN MY HOUSE
THEY PLOTTED THIS TOGETHER.

I USUALLY GO TO BED AT 9
YOU'RE WELCOME TO VISIT ME AT THE GUARD AGENCY IF YOU PREFER
SO VULGAR!! SHUT UP!
Ha ha ha
YOU KNOW WHAT MY BIG BROTHER SAID?
HE SAID OUR SON IS FIVE YEARS OLD AND WE SHOULD SET A BETTER EXAMPLE
I THOUGHT ABOUT THIS ALL THROUGH MY TRIP BACK TO YANG ZHOU

I KNOW WHAT OUR PROBLEM IS...
HE MAY BE FIVE YEARS OLD,
BUT WE'VE STILL ONLY KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A FEW MONTHS.
WE ARE SUSPICIOUS OF EACH OTHER AND DON'T UNDER-STAND ONE ANOTHER
THE REASON I MARRIED INTO YOUR FAMILY...
WAS NOT JUST TO ESCAPE MY ENGAGEMENT TO THE PRINCESS
IT WAS ALSO TO ESCAPE THAT AWFUL FAMILY OF MINE
THAT'S WHY I CHOSE YOU TO BE THE MOTHER OF MY CHILD

I DID IT BECAUSE I WANTED MY OWN CHILD
TO HAVE A STRONG MOTHER WHO WOULD PROTECT HIM
NOT A WEAK WOMAN LIKE MY OWN MOTHER
I LEFT THE CAPITAL TO FOLLOW YOU HERE TO YANG ZHOU, WHICH WAS COMPLETELY IRRATIONAL.
MY REASON WAS SIMPLE AS THAT
I TOOK ADVANTAGE OF YOUR INJURY AND YUAN BAO'S DISAPPEARANCE,
AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET RID OF THIRD MOTHER
IF I HADN'T DONE WHAT I DID,
ALSO...
SHE WOULD HAVE CONTINUED TO POISON THE HOUSEHOLD WITH HER WICKEDESS

AND AS FOR US
AND FATHER WOULD NEVER HAVE REALIZED
WHAT A TRULY LOYAL SON MY BIG BROTHER IS
IF I HADN'T MET YOU, I COULDN'T HAVE ESCAPED MY ENGAGEMENT TO THE PRINCESS
AND I COULDN'T HAVE HAD A CHILD WITH A WOMAN I TRULY LOVE!

PLEASE GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE LET'S START OVER AGAIN
THIS IS ALREADY THE SECOND TIME HE'S BEGGED ME FOR ANOTHER CHANCE

BUT...
CAN I REALLY TRUST HIM?
FATHERRR~
YUAN BAOOO~
F-ther~ Look~
="=
↑ This guy loves to be so mushy

I DIDN'T CRY ONE BIT. I WAITED PATIENTLY FOR YOU~
I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT, YUAN BAO
BUT I STILL RUSHED OVER AS FAST AS I COULD
Hey!
SO WHAT DOES THAT SIGNAL MEAN?
THIS
MAKE IT AND SEE, MOTHER!

THAT'S RIGHT! TWO HEARTS!
AH! WHEN I PUT MY HANDS TOGETHER LIKE THIS
IT LOOKS LIKE TWO HEARTS I NEVER NOTICED BEFORE!
FATHER SAID MOTHER IS THE BIG HEART ON THE OUTSIDE,
AND WE'RE THE LITTLE HEART INSIDE IT
MOTHER IS VERY STRONG, BUT WE ALSO HAVE TO WORK HARD TO SUPPORT YOU FROM THE INSIDE.
WITH MOTHER PROTECTING US

THAT'S THE ONLY WAY THE TWO HEARTS CAN STAY CONNECTED!
I SEE...
SO THIS IS THE SIGN FOR OUR FAMILY.
I MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND THAT CONNECTION,
BUT I KNOW AS LONG AS WE HAVE OUR TWO HEARTS,
I THOUGHT IT WAS JUST A SILLY LITTLE HAND SIGNAL, TO THINK IT HAD SUCH A DEEP SIGNIFICANCE...
OUR FAMILY WON'T EVER BE APART.

FATHER SHOWED ME LAST TIME WE WERE TOGETHER
YOU EVEN GOT A CHILD INVOLVED IN YOUR PLOTS!
I DID SOMETHING IRRATIONAL BY LEAVING THE CAPITAL
I LEFT TO BE WITH YOU TWO

I MAY NEVER KNOW WHETHER HE'S TELLING ME THE TRUTH OR NOT—
FINE THEN
BUT I CAN SEE HIS SINCERITY IN THAT SMALL GESTURE—
ONE MORE CHANCE
YOUNG MASTER YUAN QING!
COMING, FATHER!
COME, YUAN QING~ PLAY CHESS WITH ME
SMACK
You're still talking about that?
Remember I GO TO Fed at 9!

Mimi's Complaints About the Courtesan's Wedding
~Wedding Special Episode~
WHY AM I IN THIS KIND OF OUTFIT!?
WHERE ARE MY GLAMOROUS CLOTHES? MY BISHOUJO AURA?
Bishoujo aura
Glamorous clothes
Courtesan
Author
Wah!
THRASH
WHY AM I THE BODY-GUARD!
AS FOR YOU, YOU'RE THE BODYGUARD, NOT THE COURTESAN.

YOU CAN'T TREAT THE AUTHOR LIKE THIS
I should be wearing that outfit!
ZHU YUAN QING, DON'T YOU FEEL RIDICULOUS DRESSED UP AS A COURTESAN?
NOT AT ALL. I AM VERY PRETTY AFTER ALL.
WAH!
Author
OKAY, TIME TO START!
Yeah yeah
I can't believe I got blown away by my own creation!
NOW WHAT?
I LOOK PERFECT IN FEMININE CLOTHES
HERE'S THE SUMMARY A GENERAL BOUGHT THE COURTESAN,
AND YOU'RE PROTECTING THE COURTESAN DURING HER WEDDING PROCESSION TO THE GENERAL'S HOUSE
Oh!

WE'RE ALREADY HERE?
General's House
YES
NO TIME FOR DETAILS, REMEMBER, THIS IS ONLY AN EXTRA
THEN DID YOU REALLY NEED A BODY-GUARD?
Yuan Bao was the bridal sedan.
SON~ YOU'RE FINALLY HOME!
ER, I MEAN, THERE YOU ARE, MY BELOVED CONCUBINE!
WAIT, FATHER.
Heh heh heh
A GREAT GENERAL SUCH AS YOURSELF SHOULD FIRST ENSURE THEY AREN'T ASSASSINS

SLICE
SLICE
SLICE
WHO'RE YOU CALLING A BURDEN!
YOU'RE VERY QUICK TO ACCEPT THAT TITLE
Yuan Bao's hand
BIG BROTHER WAS THAT REALLY NECESSARY?
HMPH! WE BOUGHT ONE CONCUBINE BUT ENDED UP WITH TWO EXTRA BURDENS
What!?
THANKS TO ME, THE COURTESAN ARRIVED SAFELY
Author
I'M THE FEMALE LEAD!
WHAT HAPPENED TO MY GLAMOROUS CLOTHING AND BISHOUJO AURA!?
ISN'T THIS A HISTORICAL STORY?
~The End~

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